

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Reciprocity will be the order on which future Swiss tariff laws are based.

Colonel J. W. Polk, a cousin of President Polk, died at his home in Kansas City, aged 82.

James Coleman of Clay county, Kansas, a student in Emporia college, has been chosen secretary of the Kansas Oratorical association.

The German Nautical society of Hamburg has passed a resolution for the widening of the Kiel canal, as this canal has already reached its traffic capacity.

Clarence E. Dawson, chairman of the civil service board of the rural free delivery service, has resigned to enter private business. He was for years secretary to the postmaster general.

Lake steamship lines and the railroads are engaged in a struggle over the payment of commissions, which is likely to sever the friendly relations that have hitherto existed between them.

A meeting of the stockholders of the National Fireproof company has been called to meet in Pittsburgh February 17, to take action on a proposed increase in capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$12,500,000.

Harry Harlowe and Frank Smith, arrested at Springfield, Ill., on the charge of using the mails to defraud by operating a bogus employment bureau, were bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

Governor Ferguson of Oklahoma honored a requisition from the governor of Nebraska for the return of Samuel Truax to Butte, Neb. Truax is under arrest in Cheyenne, Okla., as an alleged fugitive from justice.

Former United States Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota has aligned himself with the opponents of Governor Van Sant of Minnesota in his campaign against the proposed merger of the big railroads of the northwest.

At Philadelphia Dr. Thomas Neal Penrose, medical director, U. S. N. (retired), died at the United States naval hospital of heart and kidney trouble. He was 67 years old. Dr. Penrose was born in Philadelphia and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania.

Documents were received in New York testifying that the pope had honored Mr. Irwin Steinbeck, head in this city of the firm of Frederick Pustet & Co., with knighthood and the Order of St. Gregory the Great. The chief office of the firm of Frederick Pustet & Co. is at Ratisbon, Germany.

Judge Hutchinson in the district court at Sioux City made a ruling that internal revenue stamps were not necessary to make the bond of an administrator of an estate valid. Clerk Conniff of the district court had refused to accept an administrator's bond because it had no revenue stamps attached.

Dr. John L. Million, one of the most prominent physicians in Springfield, Ill., died, aged 75 years. He was a surgeon in the Thirty-first Illinois infantry, General John A. Logan's regiment, during the civil war. For thirty years he was chief medical examiner of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The U. S. treasury statement for February 14 was as follows: Balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance \$174,498,734; gold, \$87,336,557.

Ex-Governor Lindsay of Alabama died at his home in Sheffield, aged 76. He was the first reconstruction governor of the state and launched one of the most exciting political fights the state has ever known.

The smuggling of Chinese from British Columbia continues and a number have been recently landed on the numerous islands between Port Townsend and the British possessions. The approach of the fishing season has caused a revival of Chinese smuggling.

Invitations have been sent out for the annual banquet of the National Business league, to be given at the Auditorium hotel in Chicago on the evening of February 27. Prominent men of other states who are members of the league have been invited.

Governor Yates of Illinois has granted a respite until February 23 to Joseph Ellsworth Hinkle, the wife murderer, who was to have been hanged at Peoria last Friday. Hinkle had just said goodbye to his mother when the news reached him.

Galusha A. Grow of Pennsylvania has announced that he will not seek a re-election to congress. He is 80 years old, entered congress in 1851, succeeding Wilmot, of Wilmot province fame, and is known as the "father of the free homestead law."

A FEDERAL CABLE

HOUSE COMMITTEE FAVORS PASSAGE OF CORLISS BILL.

GIVE GOVERNMENT FULL CHARGE

Advocates Ask Construction, Operation and Control by Nation—Value of Communication with Hawaiian Islands Inestimable.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The report to be filed today in the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce recommending the passage of the bill providing for government ownership of a Pacific cable, says that the United States, by the annexation of Hawaii and the acquisition of the Philippines and other islands through the ratification of the Paris treaty, assumed the responsibility of maintaining peace in the Pacific ocean. This obligation, the report, which was prepared by Representative Corliss, the author of the bill, says was deliberately undertaken by this country and approved by the united voice of the people. It adds:

"The future peace and prosperity of these islands will largely depend upon the facilities extended by our government for the advancement and enlightenment of the people there. If we are to continue in control of these islands the people must be made to understand the character and purpose of our government and to feel the benefits of the enlightenment of civilization. This can be accomplished through the mediation of cable communications. The advancement of our own people and the benefit of rapid communication through the telephone, telegraph and railway lines illustrate the advantage and the progress that may be achieved through cable messages."

Regarding government ownership of cables, Mr. Corliss says England for fifty years has been constantly acquiring by purchase and construction cable communication with her vast possessions, until she has expended upwards of \$100,000,000 for this purpose and operates her own cables connecting her colonies. England is now constructing a Pacific cable from Vancouver to Australia at a cost of nearly \$9,000,000, and in order to give her traders and manufacturers the benefit of this communication at the least possible expense, has fixed a rate of 2 shillings, or 50 cents per word, for cable messages from Vancouver to New Zealand.

"France, Germany, and other nations are not sleeping upon their rights as the people of the United States have been," comments Mr. Corliss, "but are establishing government telegraphic communication with their respective possessions."

"I therefore contend that the Pacific cable should be owned, controlled and operated by the government of the United States. It should be made by an American manufacturer, laid by an American ship, under an American flag, and operated at actual cost for the dissemination of knowledge, the proper direction of our army and navy and the advancement of our trade and commerce in the Pacific. The transmission of communication should be held by the state."

To Reduce Representation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The eleventh continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution will begin here today and continue throughout the week.

A number of important matters are to come up for consideration. One of the important questions is how the large representation in congress may be advantageously reduced. Fifteen amendments to the constitution and three to the by-laws are to be discussed and an editor and business manager for the magazine are to be elected. Since the last congress 3,640 women have been admitted, making the total membership of the society nearly 40,000.

Will Arrive with the Prince.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Messrs. Wessels and Wolmarans expect to land at New York simultaneously with Prince Henry. The Boer delegates will visit New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, New Orleans and San Francisco.

Kruger Expects Good Luck.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—In a dispatch from Amsterdam the correspondent of the Daily Mail says Mr. Kruger expects favorable results from the tour in the United States from Messrs. Wessels and Wolmarans.

Earthquake Kills Hundreds.

FIPLIS, Russian Trans-Caucasia, Feb. 17.—Two hundred bodies of victims of the earthquake which destroyed the town of Shamaka had been recovered up to last evening. It appears certain that 200 bodies are buried in the fissures and debris caused by the shocks. The quakes continue at intervals and the work of excavating in search of the victims proceeds with difficulty. Among the dead are many women.

SUCCESS OF GENERAL BELL.

Said to Have Crushed Insurgents in Batangas Province.

MANILA, Feb. 17.—General J. Francis Bell has practically cleared up the insurrection in Batangas province, the troops under his command having made a clean sweep of the district. It is not believed that all the insurgent arms have been captured or surrendered, but that a number of them have been taken by the insurgents to other provinces or safely hidden. The increase of robber bands in the provinces of Tayabas and Cavite show the effects of the drastic measures adopted in Batangas and Laguna provinces.

General Bell says the people of these latter provinces never realized the terrors of war until they personally experienced its hardships, owing to the closing of the ports and the concentration of the natives in the towns. General Bell believes that the insurgent leader, Malavar, is becoming exceedingly unpopular with the Filipinos, and that when the natives cease to fear his vengeance many will be found willing to betray him. What has been said of Batangas applies almost equally to Laguna.

INTO A BOER SNARE.

British Mounted Infantry Meet With Disaster.

PRETORIA, Feb. 17.—One hundred and fifty mounted infantrymen, while patrolling the Klip river south Johannesburg, February 12, surrounded a farm house where the suspected Boers were in hiding. A single Boer broke away from the house and the British started to pursue him. The Boer climbed a kopje, the British following. Immediately a heavy fire was opened on them from three sides. The British found themselves in a trap and in a position where they were unable to make any defense. Eight of the British officers made a gallant effort and defended the ridge with carbines and revolvers until they were overpowered. The British had two officers and ten men killed and several officers and forty men wounded before the force was able to fall back under cover of a block house.

SICK BOYS ARE DOING WELL.

Young Roosevelt and His Comrades Show Much Improvement.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The three sick boys in the Groton school infirmary had a quiet day and from a medical point of view a satisfactory one, although in the morning there was some uneasiness about Howard Potter. Dr. L. C. Shattuck of Boston was recalled by Dr. Warren for consultation in his case and later it was stated that young Potter had not had a setback, but simply a spell of restlessness. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and William Gammell, Jr., continued to show much improvement.

Mrs. Roosevelt spent the greater portion of the day at the infirmary.

Notorious Man Is Killed.

HAVRE, Mont., Feb. 17.—Henry Thompson, better known as "Bad Man Henry," was shot and instantly killed today in a saloon at Saco by Ed Spueffell. The fight was the result of a quarrel over a woman. Thompson was a notorious character in eastern Montana. Four years ago he and Ed Starr, a stock inspector, fought a duel near Saco, in which Starr was killed and Thompson badly wounded. He is also said to have killed a man near Miles City. He came here from Indian Territory.

One of the Hindoo Twins Dies.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The Hindoo twin named Dordica, which was separated from Radica by an operation February 9, died suddenly this morning at 7 o'clock in convulsions, due to the advanced stage of the tuberculosis from which she suffered. The twins appeared to improve during last week and passed their time playing happily with toys. The death of Dordica has been consoled from Radica, who is making excellent progress.

Confirms Payment of Ransom.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The state department has received cable advice confirming the report that the ransom money for Miss Stone has been paid to the brigand captors. It is not known when her release will occur, but it is understood that the brigands have made a condition that they shall have a period of a week or ten days in which to make sure their safety in retreat before the prisoner is finally delivered up.

Fatally Injures His Host.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 17.—Robert Fuller, a prominent farmer of Franking township, this county, was fatally and Albert Stuart seriously wounded by Robert Moreland, a young man accused of having insulted Mrs. William Sickles, a daughter of Fuller, just as a dance was breaking up at the Fuller home. Several of the male guests followed Moreland to his sleigh, when a fight took place with the above results.

THE MATTER OF IRRIGATION.

Communication of Senator Dietrich Regarding Experiment Stations.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 17.—The officials of the department of labor and industrial statistics are gratified at the work of the real estate dealers in their convention at Fremont, but express regret that wider publicity was not given a communication from Senator Dietrich, who recommended the organization of an experiment station in connection with the state university for the purpose of investigating and promoting irrigation. It was the intention of the department to have this proposition submitted not only to the convention, but also to the people of the state as well, the hope being to have public interest aroused in such a way as might influence favorable legislation.

"The senator explained in his communication that the federal government would materially assist any effort of the kind that might be made by the state," said R. A. Hodge, chief clerk of the department. "His suggestion was that the convention should take such steps as would influence public sentiment in favor of such a project. Senator Dietrich's idea contemplated the establishment of experiment stations in different parts of the semi-arid region, all to be under the direction and supervision of the main station at the university."

CHARTER DAY AT UNIVERSITY.

Degrees Are Conferred and Alumni Organ is Presented.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 17.—The thirty-third annual charter day was celebrated at the University of Nebraska. The presentation of the alumni organ took place in the chapel. During the afternoon the various departments were opened to visitors and in the armory there was an exhibition drill by the Pershing Rifles. A concert by the cadet band and an athletic contest indoors closed the afternoon program.

At the conclusion of the commencement ceremonies degrees were conferred upon twenty-seven students who had completed the required work for graduation. They represented nearly all departments, the largest number being from the college of literature, science and arts. The commencement address was by General John C. Black of Chicago, who spoke on the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Barely Escapes Cremation.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Feb. 17.—A bad fire occurred here about 11 o'clock at night in the residence of William P. McPhail, a merchant of the city. During the brief absence of Mr. McPhail from the house a soft coal stove exploded, scattering fire all over the room. Mrs. McPhail, who has been a helpless invalid for many years, was the only occupant of the house at the time, and she was unconscious at the time she was rescued and carried to the home of a neighbor. Her condition at last reports was very critical and it is feared she will not recover. Her injuries, however, are more the result of the nervous shock than directly of the fire.

Young Adams Causes Trouble.

MINDEN, Neb., Feb. 17.—Because the board of education refused to endorse the action of Principal Thompson, in expelling absolutely David Adams, a pupil of the High school, for a violation of the rules, the teachers all handed in their resignations, and there were no classes Wednesday. Under pressure of public opinion the board held a special meeting and expelled the young man.

Against Levelling of Fences.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Feb. 17.—The Nebraska Stock Growers' association will hold a meeting to adopt resolutions against the proposed levelling of fences on public lands. It is declared that this would ruin the range country. Time will be asked in which to settle the range question by the proposed leasing laws now in congress.

Gets First Sample of Gold.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Feb. 17.—Captain C. E. Adams has received the first gold from the Plateau mine at Apex, Colo., in which he is interested. The ore assayed a little less than 28 cents to the pound.

Held on Murder Charge.

SPRINGVIEW, Neb., Feb. 17.—Joseph Bomber, the half-breed Indian, who shot and killed William Bellisle December 28, was given a preliminary hearing and held to answer to the charge of murder.

Bad Man Receives Beating.

MULLEN, Neb., Feb. 17.—Barney Myers came to town and proceeded to enliven things at the Red Palace saloon. He ordered the men in the place to set up the drinks and when they declined he drew a revolver. The bartender ordered him to turn over the gun and upon his refusal assaulted him with a heavy steel poker and beat him into unconsciousness. Myers was then taken to a doctor's office to have his head sewed up.

THE STATE FAIR FOR 1902.

Officers Elected and Class Superintendents Chosen.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 15.—Officers were elected and class superintendents chosen by the State Board of Agriculture to supervise the work of the coming state fair. The premium list was also revised. It was practically decided to hold evening entertainments at the fair grounds next fall.

The following officers were elected: General superintendent, William Foster, Saltville; superintendent of gates, E. M. Searle Jr., Ogalalla; superintendent of agricultural hall, J. R. Cantlin, Blair; superintendent of art hall, W. A. Poynter, Lincoln; superintendent of transportation, O. M. Druce, Lincoln; superintendent of forage, Charles Mann, Chadron; superintendent of booths, George C. Furnas, Lincoln; superintendent of amphitheater, A. L. Stillson, York; chief of police, George W. Overmeyer, Kearney.

The following class superintendents were named: E. L. Vance, Pawnee City, horses and mules; Elijah Filley, Beatrice, cattle; R. M. Wolcott, Archer, sheep; L. W. Leonard, Pawnee City, swine; C. M. Llewellyn, Beaver City, poultry; L. Morse, Benkelman, farm products; Mrs. G. H. Devoreux, Omaha, women's textile department; Mrs. F. M. Hall, Lincoln, fine arts; S. C. Bassett, Gibbon, dairy; Charles Fordyce, University Place, education; E. Newcomb, Friend, bees and honey; W. H. Barger, Hebron, mechanical arts; H. L. Cook, St. Paul, machinery; W. H. Barger, Hebron, instruments; county collective exhibits, W. E. Ewing, Franklin; discretionary, W. H. Barger; speed, George F. Dickman, Seward.

DESPERATE FIGHT FOR MONEY.

Farmer Resists Robbers Until Beaten Into Unconsciousness.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 15.—Thomas R. Varah, a prominent farmer residing five miles southeast of Doniphan, was assaulted and robbed of \$65 in his own home, between 9 and 10 o'clock at night. He was alone in the house with his children, the other members of the family, including his son-in-law, having gone to a dance a quarter of a mile distant. Varah was awakened by a handkerchief over his mouth. He threatened to call his son-in-law, but was informed by the robbers that his son-in-law was at the dance, showing that the robbers had been posted.

They ordered him to get out of bed and go down stairs. Varah had been at Hastings the day before and in a business transaction had secured \$250 in cash. On the way down stairs he took the larger of the rolls of bills and tucked it under his drawers, leaving only \$65 in his trousers' pocket. All but this amount was therefore saved.

Farmer Killed by a Bull.

NORT BEND, Neb., Feb. 15.—A farmer named Fred Ladehoff was killed by a bull in his feed yard near this place. His small son saw the animal rolling him along the ground on his horns and ran to tell his mother. When the two arrived at the yard they succeeded in driving the animal away, but Mr. Ladehoff was dead. It had been scarcely half an hour since he left his house. The man's left side was crushed and all the ribs broken on that side. His head and face were bruised and his arms broken.

In Interest of Old Veterans.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Feb. 15.—Captain J. P. Grinstead of this city, who served two years in the Philippines with the Twenty-second regiment of United States volunteers and who was mustered out last spring and returned home, has gone to Washington to work with a number of his brother officers to secure desired changes in the army bill, which they believe discriminate against a few by reason of the age limit, preventing their getting proper credit and advancement.

Raising Angora Goats.

CALLAWAY, Neb., Feb. 15.—Morrison Bros., ranchmen, have just entered into a new industry for this portion of the country, having received seventy head of fine Angora goats, which they have placed on their ranch near their place. As the increase of these animals will more than double in a year's time, it is thought they are a paying investment. It is said they are more healthful than either cattle or sheep.

Root Returns to Work.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Although still suffering with a severe cold, Secretary Root today resumed his duties at the war department.

Arrests for Theft of Swine.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Feb. 15.—Chris Burhof of Roten Valley, in the southwest part of Custer county, was arrested and lodged in jail by Deputy Sheriff Richardson on the charge of stealing thirteen hogs of James Byler about Christmas. Elisha Furgerson, who is charged with being an associate in the theft, was arrested at Kiowa, Wash., and is to be brought here. The hogs were sold at Cozad the morning after they were stolen.

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